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SUBJ: CIVIL AVIATION: AIR MALTA DEVELOPMENTS

1. GENERAL MANAGER AIR MALTA INFORMED BY INTERNATIONAL AIR
TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION ITS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP APPROVED
WITH EFFECT FROM AUGUST 4, 1973.

2. IN RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE, CHAIRMAN ALBERT
MIZZI, ANNOUNCED TEAM FROM AIR MALTA TO VISIT PAKISTAN THIS
MONTH TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE LEASE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS
WITH PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES (PIA) AND TO DISCUSS
ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAINING PILOTS AND ENGINEERS. MIZZI SAID
AIR MALTA ALSO HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH BEA AND ALITALIA
ON COMMERCIAL AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS PRESUMABLY RELATED TO
ROUTE EZARING.N3. GENERAL MANAGER M.M. SALIM HAS INDICATED AIR MALTA
CONSIDERING NEW ROUTES IN ADDITION TO CURRENT SERVICES TO
LONDON, ROME AND TRIPOLI WHICH MAY INCLUDE SERVICES TO GERMANY,
FRANCE, SCANDINAVIA AND TUNISIA IN 1974 AND LATER TO SWITZERLAND
AND AUSTRIA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE CONNECTIONS FOR TOURISTS TO
MALTA.

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4. ALTHOUGH EXACT NUMBER AIRCRAFT TO BE LEASED FROM PIA STILL UNDER DISCUSSION, AIR MALTA OFFICIALS HAVE INTIMATED THAT INITIALLY THEY WOULD OPERATE WITH TWO 153-SEATER BOEING 720BS WITH A THIRD PLANE AVAILABLE ON A STAND-BY BASIS.

5. FORMER NATIONAL CARRIER MALTA AIRLINES, WHICH BECAME A PASSENGER AND AIR CARGO AGENT WHEN ITS AIR OPERATING LICENSE EXPIRED ON APRIL 1, HAS THUS FAR NOT EXERCISED OPTION PURCHASE 20 PERCENT SHAREHOLDING IN AIR MALTA. REASON GIVEN BY CHAIRMAN MALTA AIRLINES TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS THAT "NO PROSPECTUS HAS AS YET BEEN ISSUED."GETZ

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